

CLASSIFICATION <u>SECRET</u>		
COUNTRY <u>Austria</u>	REPORT	
TOPIC <u>Military Information from Apetlon</u>		
EVALUATION <u>[redacted]</u>	PLACE OBTAINED <u>[redacted]</u>	
DATE OF CONTENT <u>[redacted]</u>		
DATE OBTAINED <u>[redacted]</u>	DATE PREPARED <u>25 August 1954</u>	
REFERENCES <u>[redacted]</u>		
PAGES <u>2</u>	ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) <u>[redacted]</u>	
REMARKS <u>[redacted]</u>		
This is UNEVALUATED		
<u>[redacted]</u>		

1. From about 0500 to 0900 between 28 July and 1 August 1954, firing with medium AA guns and a few light AA guns against ground targets was heard daily at Apetlon (P 48/X 74). During the same hours on 2 and 3 August, detonations similar to the bursting of medium mortar shells were heard 10 minutes apart. Between 2200 and 2300 on 30 July, a night firing practice with medium AA guns was held against air targets which were towed by an one-engine aircraft; searchlights were also used. In the afternoon, 27 medium AA guns towed by 27 trucks were observed driving from Camp Apetlon to the firing range. They possibly participated in the above firing practices. On 28 July, workers employed in the Neusiedel Lake area had to leave their working place since firing practices with carbines were to be held in this area.
2. On 27 July, a public notice at Apetlon indicated that the roads leading to Camp Apetlon were to be blocked for civilian traffic between 28 July and 5 August. On 2 August, however, the restriction was lifted.
3. On 31 July, a major general and a colonel were seen at Apetlon.
4. Motor vehicles towing AA guns observed on 30 and 31 July, and 1 August included:
On 30 July. A column of 5 trucks towing 5 medium AA guns which passed through Apetlon toward the camp.
On 31 July. A column of 7 trucks towing 7 light AA guns, 4 trucks, two of which were occupied by 20 soldiers each, and 2 jeeps; another column of 6 trucks towing 6 medium AA guns; and a third column of 3 trucks towing 3 medium AA guns. The three columns passed through Apetlon toward the camp. [redacted]
At 1530. a column of 6 trucks towing 6 medium AA guns, including [redacted] passed through Apetlon toward the firing range.
On 1 August. Truck [redacted] towing a medium AA gun and, at 1600, the column observed at 1530 on 31 July passed through Apetlon toward the camp.
 All soldiers observed wore red-bordered black epaulets.
5. Between 24 July and 2 August, the following vehicles were observed

CLASSIFICATION SECRET

SECRET

- 2 -

between Apetlon and Camp Apetlon:

Sedans [redacted] occupied by a
field grade officer; jeeps [redacted] and trucks

[redacted]
All soldiers observed and the field grade officer wore red-bordered black epaulets.

[redacted] Comment. The observations confirm that Camp Apetlon was occupied to capacity by AAA units in late July and early August 1954. The information also confirms the conducting of AAA combat firing practice against ground targets and towed air targets with several AAA regiments participating simultaneously. Most of the vehicle [redacted] belong to the 23d AAA Div [redacted] components of the division were stationed at the Apetlon AAA Range between 24 July and 2 August 1954. [redacted]

[redacted] Soviet AAA units from Hungary also were present.

NODIEX

SECRET